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A New Congress.

By proclamation President Wilson called the new Congress into a special session Monday. In spite of Presidential vows to the contrary, the President has finally decided on a long range session, and we believe rightly. The same conditions exist under which he refused to call Congress in session just before he left for France the last time, but the very evident needs of the country have apparently caused the President to again reverse himself.

The new Congress is Republican in both branches; the Senate by two majorities, and the House by a wide margin. It is the Congress elected in response to the President's appeal, and the deliberate judgment of the people of the country to the appeal.

This is one of the most important sessions in the history of our Republic, if not the most important. Apparently domestic questions must first be met, for many appropriations must be made before the fiscal year closes on June 30th. It is regrettable that the President did not see fit to call this session earlier as it will hurry the appropriations much more than wise action demands.

Such domestic questions as the Railroad problem, the Army and Navy programs, Merchant Marine, Woman Suffrage, enforcement of National Prohibition, a budget system, and other questions must be solved by this Congress. Finally, there will come before this Congress the peace treaty, including the covenant of the League of Nations.

It is hoped that this Congress will approach all these matters in a broad minded, patriotic, and unpartisan manner. The highest and best statesmanship of the country is demanded at this time. It is no time for political jockeying or for partisan advantages. There is too much at stake and we believe the people will hold the party to "strict accountability." The people believe in this Congress and we believe that their hopes will come true.

Wilson is Assailed for Jap Settlement

More criticism has been directed against President Wilson by members of Congress for a settlement of the Japanese question at Versailles than against any other part of his policy in the making of peace.

It is contended by them that the turning over to Japan of the Shantung Peninsula is a violation not only of the policy of the open doors laid down in treaties made by this country through John Hay when Secretary of State, not only a repudiation of the principle of self-determination for China, which entered the war against Germany on the side of both Japan and the United States, but a breeder of trouble in that it gives Japan a greater foothold upon the mainland of Asia which she hopes to dominate.

They point out that the great question of whether Japan shall have the free right of immigration, of equality of citizenship, and educational and property rights on our Pacific Coast is left in abeyance, and that if under the very shadow of the League of Nations formed to bring about permanent peace in the world one nation can be robbed of territory to placate another and both are our Allies, it will not be long before Japan will not only seek more territory and power in Asia, but also attempt to force the United States to grant the rights which she has insisted upon and which have been denied. In other words they believe that China has been wronged by the bargain and this country has been left more insecure than ever so far as permanent peace is concerned.

Why, these members of Congress say, should Italian affairs be interfered with so as to prevent Italy gaining the Fiume district which is sixty-three per cent Italian on the ground that this is purely a territorial grab, and then a part of China be taken away from her

to give it to Japan which has no interest in it other than aggrandizement? If aggrandizement is agreed to in some instances, why not in all? If the seizure of further territory by empires and kings is agreed to, why not permit it to be done openly rather than under the thinly veiled pretext of a mandate from the League of Nations? If the Italian claims are agreed to after they have been refused and the Italian delegation has left Paris in what was to be a vain protest, are they more or less just and equitable than they were before? It is likely that this whole question of the apportionment of territory will be discussed openly by the Senate, and it is possible that the aims of Japan may be disappointed.

Reciprocity with Canada.

The Canadian government now hopes, it is said, for reciprocity with the United States, owing to the fine feeling established between the two countries during the war. We had almost forgotten 1911 and the reciprocity agreement with Canada.

Now we recall something about it. We remember that there was a special session of Congress to adopt the agreement, which, we were told, Canada was "just dying" to arrange with us. We now seem to recall that it was President Taft's last stand against the "Old Guard." We have recollections of how the grand old party was split in two as with a meat ax. The Progressive Republicans shouted for it until the services of a throat doctor were necessary. A Democratic house was elected to put it through. Oratory was spilled until it overflowed the capitol and ran down Pennsylvania Avenue to the White House. Our neighborly and friendly relations with Canada must be maintained at all hazards, was a battle cry, and we had visions of that country packing its doll rags and going home before the party was half over unless we carried reciprocity. So we carried it.

Then Canada held its election, and the votes for reciprocity came in like the returns for the reform ticket in a municipal election—scattering. Canada, after witnessing all our labor and politics in order to get reciprocity with it, voted against the agreement.

Well, we are still friendly with our neighbor. We have all the confidence in the world in its bully fine feelings for us. Its chickens can run through the fence and scratch in our garden, and the cows wander across the line and pasture on our growing corn. We'll exchange dishes with it at the family reunion, and lend it our parlor chairs when it entertains company. But as for reciprocity—

The next time we'll let Canada vote first.—K. C. Star.

Ozark Forest Lands Will Support Steers

While inspecting one of the University Forests recently F. B. Mumford, Dean of the University of Missouri College of Agriculture, saw good timber and good cattle being raised on the same ground at the same time in the Ozark region. This is the every day experience of Taney County farmers. Much of the area of Taney County is not suitable for farming. A very considerable portion of it is rocky, steep and rough. The soil is primarily a timber producing soil, the forest being interrupted by numerous openings or glades. Only the better parts of the uplands are suitable for the production of ordinary farm crops.

Dean Mumford observed that his experience had been, "Two acres of bluegrass in a well watered and fertile region are required to support one steer during the grazing season. The animal can reasonably be expected to put on from 200 to 400 pounds of weight during this time." Practical experience in Taney County indicates that five acres of land unsuited to farming will support a steer for from six to eight months and the steer will make a gain equal to that of a steer on bluegrass. The brush, weeds and grasses of this forest-glade land have, therefore, about 40 per cent of the efficiency of bluegrass pasture. Mast is not considered as forage for cattle.

The problem of winter feeding is not a serious one. Cattle may be wintered on one pound of cottonseed cake per head per day if they are allowed to forage. They will gain slightly in weight if fed two pounds of cake a day and will make good gain if the cake is supplemented with hay and grains raised on the better soils.

Taney County Boy to be Selected to Attend the State Fair

The examination this year will be in Agriculture, Arithmetic and Geography of Missouri. All boys between the ages of 12 and 17 years are eligible to enter the contest which will be held at Forsyth June 7th, afternoon. The winner will be entertained for a week at the State Fair at the expense of the State. The only expense will be the rail road fare to and from Sedalia. A great trip for any boy. The Fair will be held on August 9-16.

For the past four years the county has been represented by the following boys: Jesse and Emer Williams and Archie Mayden of Kiscoe Mills; Roy Casey and William Hull of Forsyth, and Homer Morrow of Taneyville. These boys were all delighted with the Fair school.

Don't forget the date of the examination, June 7.

Respectfully,
JOHN W. BENNETT,
County Superintendent.

The Work of the U. S. Engineer Corps

Colonel F. G. Knabenshue, of the U. S. Army Recruiting Station, at Springfield, Mo., has received an interesting report from the War Department of the work accomplished by the Engineer Department of the American Expeditionary Force in France. The work of the Engineers included everything from constructing and operating railroads, building docks, hospitals, cantonments, power plants and water works to going over the top with the Infantry.

"The men of the Engineer Corps," said Colonel Knabenshue, "are highly developed specialists, whose duties are more varied than those of members of the other branches of the service. The Engineers are relieved from many of the routine duties of garrison life to enable them to engage in the special work of their corps. The work of the Engineer Department appeals to men interested in various kinds of construction work and out door life.

From the technical nature of its work said, the Recruiting Officer, the Engineer Department requires men proficient in the various trades and professions, but any young man who wants to equip himself with a valuable technical education, and who is willing to study, will be accepted by the Engineers. There are vacancies now in the Engineer Corps of the A. E. F., which will be filled by volunteers. This not only offers a young man the chance to learn engineering, but also gives him the opportunity for educational travel unexcelled in the history of the American Army.

U. S. Army Recruiting Station,
112 west 4th St., Joplin, Mo.,

WALNUT SHADE

(Last Week's Items.)

Rain? Yes, we are getting it in abundance. Farmers are very busy and there will be a larger acreage of tomatoes this year than last. The farmers are figuring from \$75 to \$100 per acre at the present price of 75 cents per hundred pounds.

Geo. Setters has become owner of the Layton & Setters' farms, 480 acres in the aggregate, with three residences and no one but his own family to occupy them.

Harry Setters will leave soon for the west.

Walter Stewart was in the neighborhood a few days back buying hogs at \$15 per hundred pounds delivered at Reno.

News reached us Saturday that Lulu Scribner's little boy had been very low with pneumonia, having the doctor visit him as many as twelve times.

James Cummings has been helping his son, Dillard, get his crop out. They live out on the Boston road.

Geo. Call and family were visiting R. W. P. Cummings, Mrs. Call's father, Sunday.

Fish Davis was in this neighborhood the other day on business.

Out range is getting fine now, relieving the farmers and stockmen of the burden of feeding stock.

Oats are looking fine and a large acreage has been sown. Wheat is also making a rapid growth.

Cecil Weatherman took his hogs to Reno last week.

There was a "would be officer" visited the home of James Cummings

just before day the other morning with a big gun sticking out of his pocket, pretending he had a search warrant. This looks bad in print, but would look worse for the would be officer in court, and would be worse for the would be officer.

V. A. Cummings was in Forsyth May 8th to turn over to Geo. Dutton 120 acres of land that was sold under school fund mortgage.

V. A. Cummings intends to go to Kansas City for treatment for a cancer that has been bothering him for the last six years.

There will be a Soldier's meeting at the Shade, Friday night, May 16th. Every soldier invited. Let's see that the boys have a permanent organization to show our descendants what the American boys have done.

Strawberries are beginning to turn red in the face. Yes, we like to look at them.

H. H. Haldeman late of Kansas City, now owner of the W. S. Chenklin home, says his spuds are looking fine. By the way, Mr. Haldeman is one of us now, and we feel that he is quite an addition to our neighborhood.

Scott Ramsey is making great strides towards a large crop on the V. A. Cummings place. Tobacco, corn, spuds, oats etc.

Grant Weatherman is having his farm cleared and put in corn.

Wonder if it is a fact that farmers must have a lawful fence before they can raise cane (cain)? We sure don't know for we don't thoroughly understand all the fishing and hunting laws.

WALNUT SHADE

This is the 19th day of May and a good fire would be appreciated.

Oscar Call and wife visited with Oscar's parents last Saturday.

Bob Gideon was a welcome visitor in our midst last Friday night. There was to be a meeting of the soldier boys but on account of the rain not very many were present. It was decided to try it over on May 30th. It is planned to have a march by the soldiers. There will be a good program and everybody is invited.

Charley Melton and family of Swan visited from Saturday night until Monday with Mrs. Melton's father, Al Weatherman.

A dinner was given Sunday in honor of Dan Weatherman who has just returned from over seas. Dan went over the top several times without getting a scratch.

BLUFF

The heavy rains of the past week have been fine on the wheat and oats crop.

Church at Meadows Sunday was well attended.

Miss Bessie Bilyeu is visiting her cousins, Misses Chloe and Cylista Meadows.

Mrs. Lanas Stewart and son, Luther, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Keithley.

Miss Hattie Anderson of Kansas City is visiting home folks.

Mrs. W. I. Meadows and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Strong.

Misses Opal Clevenger and Dessa Terry spent Saturday night at the home of Misses Emma and Doris Sportsman.

Several of our young folks attended Sunday School at Pleasant Shade last Sunday.

Services will be held at 11 o'clock on Memorial Day. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. Fred Barnhart and baby spent Monday evening with Mrs. Meadows.

The young folks enjoyed the singing at Enterprise Sunday night.

Miss Elma Glover went to Ozark Saturday with her father.

Mrs. Mable Keithley and daughter, Thelma, were guests at the Cupp home Thursday.

Mr. Vandventer was in our neighborhood Friday.

GARBER

Weather conditions are a little better now after the blow up the first of the week which drove us to the fire. The good rain Sunday night will keep everything growing. Our farmers are getting ready with the clearing up of the weather to cut alfalfa which is making a fine growth.

T. E. Walden came up from Bergman, Ark., Sunday-evening and will

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stay for some time caring for his alfalfa and putting in some summer crops, on his place here.

T. Z. Ward went to Nevada, Sunday to visit with friends for a few days.

Vaughn L. Drumm left Sunday for St. Paul, Minn., where he will take a position with a Dairy Company as traveling agent.

R. L. Cantwell went in his auto to Arkansas on business Saturday returning Monday evening.

G. H. Boraker and family left Tuesday for Aurora to pick berries, later he will go to the harvest fields in Kansas.

Chas. Davidson, a one time resident near Flag, and who yet owns a farm in the neighborhood, came in Sunday for a visit of a day or two. Mr. Davidson has been connected with the Springfield Republican for the past four years.

Congress is in session again and we hope to see something doing, and the business of the country righted again to normal condition.

CEDAR GROVE

We are having some very cool weather for this time of the year.

Bart Stiffer is shingling Mr. Wish Keithley's barn.

Miss Mabel Bonebrake visited with friends in Forsyth and attended the Commencement Exercises of the High School last week.

Mrs. McVey is much better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Sloan passed through this vicinity enroute to Forsyth to visit with Mrs. Sloan's parents.

Miss Oma Johnson returned home from Springfield last week.

Mrs. Link Everett spent Sunday with Mrs. Roy Casey.

Miss Helen McHugh of Hilltop is assisting Mrs. Wish Keithley with her house work.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Williams and family spent Sunday with R. I. Steel

RIVERVIEW

(Last Week's Items)

We are having some fine weather at present.

A number of the young folks of this neighborhood attended the Junior play at Forsyth, Thursday night.

Mrs. May Stiffer visited Mrs. McVey Friday.

Oma Johnson spent Thursday night with Ed Casey.

Mrs. Ben Casey returned home Sunday from Highlandville, where she has been visiting her aunt who is sick.

We are glad to hear of so many of our soldier boys getting home.

Ralph Casey left Monday for St. Joe, Mo., where he expects to work.

Fishing is good and quite a few are being caught.

Mrs. Pauline Casey and little son, spent Tuesday with Mrs. G. W. Stiffer.

BRADLEYVILLE.

Plenty of rain and everything looking fine.

Everybody enjoyed the good meeting at Union Flat Sunday. Rev. Joe Grady was the minister.

Riley Morgan returned from France last week. Everybody was glad to see him.

There will be preaching at Kentucky Hollow the first Sunday in June. Rev. Ben James preached here Sunday.

Mr. Shird and family of Hercules were in town Thursday.

Mrs. Scroggins and Mrs. Ewing visited with Mrs. S. M. Jackson last Wednesday.

The party at Riley Morgan's Friday night was well attended.

For Sale—A two year old thoroughbred Angora buck. This is a fine animal, and his clip of Mohair this spring weighed 8 pounds. Any one interested in building up their flock write or phone J. I. Thompson, McKinney Bend, Branson, Mo.